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TAGS: UK, RH

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: EFFECT OF SITHOLE ARREST; REPORT
THAT ANC DELEGATION TO VISIT UK

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JUNE 21, ACTING HEAD
RHODESIA DEPARTMENT AT FCO SAID BRITISH ASSESSMENT OF
IAN SMITH'S ARREST OF DR. EDSON SITHOLE WAS THAT IT
COULD WELL LEAD TO THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE ANC. THIS
CLUMSY MOVE BY SMITH, FCO BELIEVES, COULD DRIVE LARGE
NUMBERS OF ANC SUPPORTERS INTO RANKS OF ZANU AND ZAPU.
ARREST, PLUS SMITH'S ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT, FCO
OFFICIALS BELIEVE, ARE FURTHER INDICATIONS SMITH
RUNNING SCARED AND REALLY DOES NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO.
FCO OFFICIALS ALSO CONSIDERED FAILURE OF PRIME MINISTER
VORSTER TO DENY REPORTS IN SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS COUN-
SELING SMITH NOT TO COUNT ON ADDITIONAL SOUTH AFRICAN
AID WAS INDICATION SAG HAD DECIDED NOT TO GIVE SMITH
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. EVEN DR. HUTCHINSON, WHO SAW HEAD
RHODESIA DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK, TOLD FCO THAT HE WAS
DISCOURAGED AND DID NOT SEE HOW A SETTLEMENT COULD BE
REACHED.

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2. PRIME MINISTER IN HOUSE OF COMMONS ON JUNE 20
ANNOUNCED THAT AN ANC DELEGATION WOULD BE VISITING
LONDON. ACCORDING TO FCO, BISHOP MUZOREWA'S RIGHT-HAND
MAN, DR. GABELLA, WAS TO HAVE COME TO LONDON BUT HAS
CANCELED HIS TRIP AND FCO KNOWS OF NO OTHER DELEGATION
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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